



# NOTICES



## General Vestry 2020

If there are no further lockdown restrictions from the N.I. Executive, we hope to hold a very simple Annual Vestry in St. Patrick's Church Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. This is in line with recent guidance issued by the Connor Diocesan Council.

Please note that booking will be required for attendance at this meeting and we will use the same system as is in place for attending Sunday worship – please book by using the Parish Office tel. no. 02825630741 between Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> with your name number and number attending if in a cluster/family bubble. Please remember anyone can attend this meeting but only those on our register of vestrypersons can participate in voting.

Volunteers will be present to show you to and from your seats and social distancing will be the norm in order to seek to keep everyone attending as safe as possible. Sanitising stations and temperature checking will also take place on the evening.

Please bring a mask or face shield which should be worn throughout the event, also please bring your own pen/pencils/sheets of paper in the event of an election being held on the evening. Being a triennial year the number of elections will be larger than normal so please give time in prayerful reflection as to whether the Lord is calling you to serve in the Church family.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.M.N.C.' followed by a stylized flourish.

### **Return to Church**

*We are delighted to be back in church worshipping together!*

Please continue to remember to 'book-in' to attend Church by contacting the church office (02825630741) between Monday – Wednesday 10am-12pm. Please leave your name, contact number and the number of people booking in with you.

We strongly encourage you to wear a face covering (unless you are medically exempt).

### **Please pray ...**

Please pray for our nation and our community as we face challenging times together. Pray for our leaders, those in authorities and those caring for the sick. Please pray for our children, young people and those who work and teach in our local schools as they enter a new term. Please pray for the life of our people, parish, our staff and clergy as we navigate the changing times.



### **Shoe Box Appeal 2020**



Flat pack shoe boxes and leaflets are available for collection at the back of St Patrick's Church each Sunday from 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Anyone attending church is invited to take a shoe box, read the instructions on the leaflet carefully and return the filled shoe box to St Patrick's by 18th October 2020.

For those not attending church but would like to fill a shoe box please phone James Tuff (07738 972919) or Liz Hughes (0795590753) to make arrangements for a box/s to be delivered.

This year there is also the option of buying a box online for £20. You get to choose who you would like to send it to and which items you put in the box and also have the option of including a note to the recipient. This would be a great option of supporting the charity if you are unable to get out and about like you normally would. Full details can be found here: <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

### **The Leprosy Mission Virtual Service 2020**

The Leprosy Mission has created a fabulous resource for you to access at home! Their online service allows us to have a 'virtual visit' from the team. The theme of the visit is "A brand new start" and includes Bible readings, prayers and a message from Leprosy Mission staff. It also introduces you to Nuhu, a man from Nigeria whose life was devastated by leprosy, but has received a 'brand new start' thanks to the support of people like you.

The virtual service can be accessed via:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhZ1fNXyeuM&feature=youtu.be>

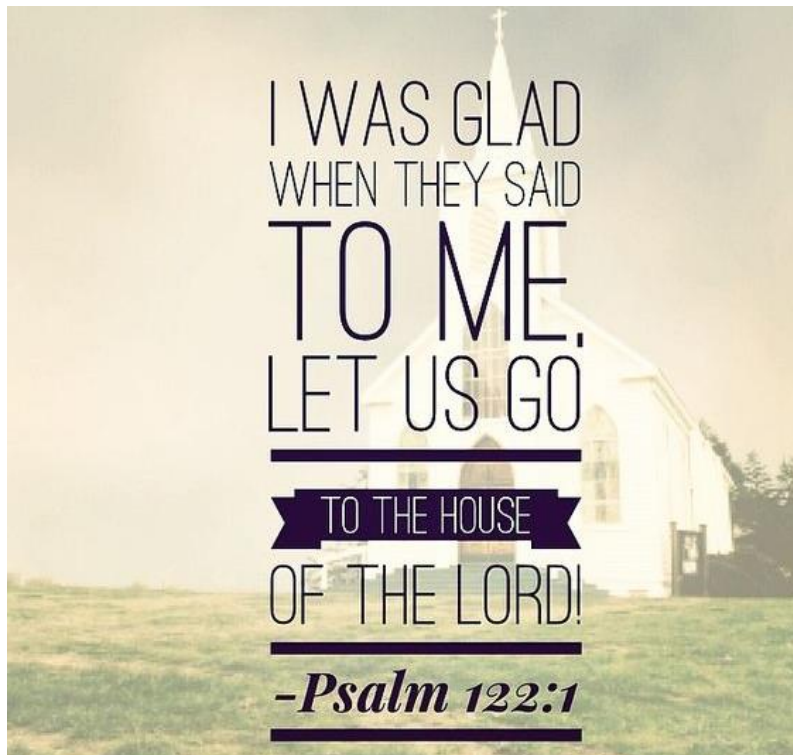


**The Leprosy  
Mission**  
Northern Ireland

# Sunday Morning Worship

27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## *Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*



***Please come with us on a journey of prayer, praise and worship this morning.  
Join in with us using the words in red print.***

### Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Confession

*Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'*

*So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord, confessing our sins in penitence and faith:*

*Please join in with the response to 'In your mercy, forgive us' – 'Lord, hear us and help us.'*

*In your mercy, forgive us'  
'Lord, hear us and help us.'*

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief:

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Amen.

### Absolution

### Worship – Amazing Grace

*We will say together the words of this beautiful hymn as Fiona plays softly for us ...*

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come,  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

*Kids Talk – Daniel in the Lion's Den*

*Collect of the Day*

O Lord,  
Hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Apostle's Creed (in responsive form)*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,*

and the life everlasting.

*Amen.*

*Bible Readings - Psalm 122*

Father God, Open the eyes of our understanding and prepare our hearts by the power of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your Word with much joy and rejoicing and may we leave here having a deeper understanding of Who You are.

*Amen.*

*Sermon*



*Prayers and Intercessions*

In our prayers and intercessions this morning the response to ‘Father, hear our prayer’ is ‘**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**’

‘Father, hear our prayer’

**‘through Jesus Christ our Lord.’**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith: receive the prayers we offer.

We pray for Christians in other countries, especially where there is suffering, danger and persecution; those sent out as missionaries and those in positions of responsibility; for Christians in our country; the Church of Ireland; this diocese; our archbishop and George our bishop; this parish; and all our church family.

Strengthen your people for their witness and work in the world. Fill your ministers with your Spirit that they may faithfully preach the gospel and administer your holy sacraments. Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love and proclaim your glory in all the world.

Father, hear our prayer,

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

We pray for the peoples of the world and their leaders; countries in crisis; the Queen, leaders of central and local government; the police and those who administer our laws; all who have responsibility; all men and women in their daily work.

Give wisdom to those in authority in every land, and give to all peoples a desire for righteousness and peace, with the will to work together in trust, to seek the common good and to share with justice the resources of the earth,.

Father, hear our prayer,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for our community: one another; our local community; those caring for people in need; those who teach Scripture in our schools; people known to us who are key workers, those who are anxious in this new lockdown.

We commend to your keeping, Father, ourselves and each other, our families, our neighbours, and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

Father, hear our prayer,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for those in need: those who suffer; the sick; the poor; the distressed; the lonely; the unloved; the persecuted; the unemployed; those who grieve; and those who care for them...

Comfort and heal, merciful Lord, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble. Give them a firm trust in your goodness; help those who minister to them; and bring us all into the joy of your salvation.

Father, hear our prayer,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear us, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

Wherever we are now, we use the words that our Lord and Saviour Himself taught us to pray.

Let's say together:

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

*Closing Prayer and Blessing*

The Lord bless and watch over you,  
the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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